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Situation Reports

1. D/NE has been listed as preparing the following Situation Reports:

SR-50 - Union of South Africa
SR-51 - Rhodesia and Nyasaland
~~25X6~~ - Mozambique and Angola
[redacted]
SR-62 - Cyprus

2. D/NE had no intention of publishing SR-51 and SR-52 but was merely gathering the necessary material for its files.

3. D/NE has no objection to dropping SR-50 and SR-62. The Union of South Africa must necessarily be covered, but this can be done in the ORE Series. A basic study on Cyprus would be valuable as there is no such document in existence, nor is one contemplated under the NIS program so far as we can learn. Cyprus is important because of its strategic position and the various political factors which are currently disturbing this small island. However, the Greek Desk, which has the responsibility for Cyprus, would be unable to produce an SR during the calendar year of 1950. The Greek Desk will continue to gather together the basic information for its files but will publish whatever intelligence is necessary in the ORE Series.

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